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Art Unit No.: 3625

Examiner: David J. Bagnell

For: *Drilling Bit Assembly  
and Apparatus*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 2, 1998, Applicants desire to amend

Please amend Claims 1-16 as follows:

a first member for attachment to the drill string;  
a second member [including] for attachment to at least one drilling member; and  
a resiliently deformable connecting member between the first member and the second member for tilting the first member with respect to the second member while transmitting torque and weight from the first member to the second member, the second member being connected



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Paul M. Defourny and Fereidoun Abbassian

Serial No.: 08/696,986

Filed: March 3, 1997

For: *Drilling Bit Assembly and Apparatus*

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

x Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the captioned application.

x No fee is due for this Amendment.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Total Claims	20	Minus	20 =	0	x \$22	= -0-
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3 =	0	x \$82	= -0-

Total Additional Fee for this Amendment. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

x Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 02-4345. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and all referenced enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on September 30, 1998.

*Carlos A. Torres*